

## Troop Email Lists

Jim Matson, Advancement Chairman

### ARE YOU USING THE TROOP EMAIL LISTS?

Troop 608 has a great website, [www.t608bsa.org](http://www.t608bsa.org). We try to keep it updated regularly and it includes our troop calendar, latest permission forms for outings, and much more.

Did you know that we also have e-mail lists set up so that you can contact a large number of people by sending e-mail to one address? Right now, we have three e-mail lists set up:

- [troop608@t608bsa.org](mailto:troop608@t608bsa.org) is the e-mail for the general troop mailing list. Everyone, scouts and adults alike, should be a member of this list. If you would like to subscribe to this list, use the link on the front page of the website.
- [asms@t608bsa.org](mailto:asms@t608bsa.org) is the e-mail for the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. If you are an ASM and you have not been receiving e-mails on this list, please contact Kelly Verge ([scoutmaster@t608bsa.org](mailto:scoutmaster@t608bsa.org)) or Jim Matson ([jmatson73@cox.net](mailto:jmatson73@cox.net)) to have your e-mail added to this list.
- [committee@t608bsa.org](mailto:committee@t608bsa.org) is the e-mail for our Troop Committee. Here is where we send out committee minutes, reminders, and other troop committee business. If you are a member of the troop committee and have not been receiving such messages, please contact Jeff Stone ([commchair@t608bsa.org](mailto:commchair@t608bsa.org)) or Jim Matson ([jmatson73@cox.net](mailto:jmatson73@cox.net)) to have your e-mail added to this list.

E-mail is rapidly becoming the most efficient means of communication. However, one problem with e-mail is that it is only effective if the recipient checks his or her e-mail on a regular basis. For this reason, we will always utilize our troop website as well as phone calls and printed newsletters in an effort to ensure that we are communicating effectively.

Always check the website for the latest information, especially our online troop calendar, which is updated constantly.

## Religious Awards



Two Troop 608 scouts were honored at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church on Scout Sunday, February 5, and presented their religious awards. Christopher Hernandez earned the God and Life award and Clay Hernandez earned the God and Church award. Father Lester Durst presented the awards to the scouts. Also, Greg Platt of Troop 400 earned the God and Life award.

Michael Schmitz and Giovanni Vargas earned the Ad Altari Dei Catholic Religious award. Bishop Ricard presented the awards at the Scout Sunday Mass on February 12. Troop 608 adults Mr. Hrbacek and Mr. Parker conducted the religious education required for this award achievement.

Congratulation to these boys as only 1% of all Boy Scouts earns the Religious Award in their respective faiths.

## Eagle Scout News

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Tim Hrbacek extends sincere appreciation to all who assisted in completing his Eagle Project at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The large oak tree between the Cathedral and the Parish Hall now has a newly built retaining wall and planter. The feedback from the Parishioners as well as the administration of the Diocese of Pensacola/Tallahassee has been very positive.

Congratulations to Patrick Ward, who successfully passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on February 22. Patrick is the 65th Eagle Scout of Troop 608 and hopefully the first of many for 2006. Way to go, Patrick!